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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN

Civil Aviation Development (Supplementary Assistance)(JOR/77/010)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	March 1979
Starting date of project activities:	January 1978 (Including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	December 1980
To be executed by:	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
Government implementing agency:	Directorate of Civil Aviation
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$263 600
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Because of its geographical location, Jordan depends to a large extent on air transportation for its communication links with the outside world. The Government is constructing a new airport to accommodate the increased national and international traffic foreseen. The Government has received from UNDP/ICAO assistance in the field of airworthiness and flight operations (JOR/74/007)1/ and is continuing to receive under a Phase II project (JOR/77/016)2/ assistance in the field of civil aviation training.

1/ DP/PROJECTS/1760.
2/ DP/PROJECTS/1730 and 2426.

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2. Assistance to the present project began in January 1978 to deal with organization and management of civil aviation facilities for the above-mentioned projects. The project is progressing satisfactorily. Supplementary Assistance became necessary, however, because of a revision in the project activities necessitating the addition of two new experts and an additional 3 man-months to an existing post.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objectives of the project as revised are to: (a) reorganize the civil aviation administration and improve its managerial, administrative and regulatory capabilities; (b) plan and supervise the construction and maintenance of civil airports and various related facilities; (c) regulate and administratively control civil flying operations to ensure civil aviation safety, eventually developing an indigenous capability to perform these functions; and (d) improve the systems and procedures in air traffic services and in aeronautical telecommunications services by introducing advanced systems and procedures and providing on-the-job training.

4. The activities foreseen under the present approval will include the preparation and approval of an Air Traffic Services Manual setting out the organization, manning, operation, etc. in the field of air traffic services and of an Aeronautical Telecommunications Services Manual setting out the policies, systems, procedures, etc. in the field of aeronautical telecommunications services.

III. Inputs

5. UNDP will continue to provide, through the Executing Agency, the services of an expert in civil aviation organization and management; an expert in airport engineering; management consultants; OPAS experts and other support personnel. In addition, the services of two experts in air traffic control and in electronics will be provided.

6. The Government will continue to provide national professional staff, support personnel, office accommodation and supplies as well as the local salaries of the internationally recruited OPAS experts.

IV. Financial data

7. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	$	m/m	$	m/m	$
Personnel	145	805 400	337	260 800	482	1 066 200
Equipment		7 000		-		7 000
Miscellaneous		12 200		2 800		15 000
		824 600		263 600		1 088 200

8. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $688,000 in kind.

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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE

Project title and number:	Development of Pest Management Systems for Olive Culture (Supplementary Assistance) (GRE/69/525)
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Ministry of Agriculture
Date of approval:	May 1978
Starting date for project operations:	- 1/
Duration:	- 2/
Estimated value of the Government input expressed in US dollars:	$ 932 900 (In kind)
Estimated UNDP additional contribution:	$ 431 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. In January 1969, the Governing Council approved assistance for the present project 3/ for a duration of five years. The aim of the project was to help to eradicate the olive fly by using chemosterilants and sterile male and biological control techniques, instead of control methods by chemicals which involve high costs and problems caused by toxic residues in the fruit and in the oil.

2. Project operations began in December 1970 but they only gained momentum in the beginning of 1973 and therefore the project objectives were not attained within the original period. Subsequently, in 1975 and 1977 further assistance was approved to extend the duration of the project.

1/ Project operations started in December 1970.

2/ The project duration, previously 7 years and 5 months, has now been extended by 2 years and 7 months.

3/ DP/SF/R.7/Add.34.

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3. The first seven years were spent training scientists, identifying the problems and developing a large body of information on the biology and the effects on ecology of the major olive pests.

4. By 1978 although considerable progress had been made in the work programmes, the lack of suitable research groves had been proved to be the single greatest impediment to programme delivery. In this connexion many experiments were moved from the laboratory to the field. The Government therefore requested further assistance to continue emphasizing field demonstrations in both theoretical and practical methods of controlling oil pests. It is for this purpose that the present supplementary assistance has been approved.

II. The project

5. The development objective of the project continues to be to contribute to the increase in agricultural production by providing improved pest control programmes and thereby increase olive production.

6. The immediate objective of the project is to plan and implement field trials based on available information on ecology, economic injury levels and control practices in order to develop and test pest-management programmes integrating the use of various control methods. Further research efforts will be undertaken in the following areas: (a) the reproduction cycles and living requirements of the major pests, and particularly the olive fly, so that the key influences determining their abundance might be established; (b) the economic effects and economic injury levels of the major pests; (c) evaluation of the use which can be made of natural enemies of olive pests; (d) the use of pesticides and their application and of chemical (repellants, attractants, pheromones) and physical agents modifying the behaviour of insect pests; and (e) the autocidal control of the olive fly.

7. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	Previously approved	Present approval	Total approved
	$	$	$
Experts	1 034 700	214 000	1 248 700
Subcontracts	160 100	83 000	243 100
Fellowships	137 100	80 500	217 600
Equipment	191 700	45 000	236 700
Miscellaneous	42 100	8 500	50 600
	1 565 700	431 000	1 996 700

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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT

Aswan/Berenice Highway and Harbour
(EGY/79/003)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	January 1979
Starting date of project activities:	January 1979 (Excluding previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	September 1979
To be executed by:	United Nations Development Programme
Government implementing agency:	Aswan Regional Planning Authority
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$470 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The current development plans of Egypt recognize the need to reverse the recent trend of mass migration from outlying regions to the capital and its environs. Over-population in the Cairo Metropolitan area is severely straining the capacity of basic public services and a redistribution of the high concentration of population in the fertile Nile Delta region is essential if Egypt's natural resources are to be rationally exploited and its citizens assured of the basic necessities of adequate housing, diet, health services, education and employment opportunities.

2. The Eastern Desert, through which the Aswan-Berenice Highway would pass is known to contain a wide variety of minerals, the extent of which has yet to be determined in the first instance due to a lack of adequate transport infrastructure.

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As the Asswan area continues to grow and expand its economic base, automobile ownership and disposable income will increase and considerable recreational travel to the Red Sea would be generated if a good, direct highway were constructed.

3. The Asswan Regional Planning Authority has gathered considerable statistical information concerning economic activities in the region and has compiled numerous papers proposing specific development projects relating to the Asswan-Berenice highway and port. No studies exist, however, in the detail necessary to demonstrate clearly the economic viability of these proposed projects and the Government requested UNDP assistance in the matter. UNDP Preparatory Assistance was approved in May 1978 and a consultant went to Cairo for one month in August 1978 to review the project request. UNDP assistance for full-scale Phase I project activities has now been approved.

II. Objectives and activities

4. The immediate preliminary objectives of the project are to: carry out a technical and economic evaluation of the area to determine the most appropriate route and general characteristics of the highway as well as the most suitable location and general layout of the port; and determine the approximate construction cost for the complete project.

III. Inputs

5. UNDP will finance the procurement of the non-expendable equipment, the costs of the fellowships and the subcontractor's costs for carrying out the preliminary engineering studies. Because of the various disciplines involved in this part of the study which will mainly be for short periods of time, the work will be subcontracted to an experienced consulting firm. The United Nations and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) have been kept informed of these activities.

6. The Government will provide office space and furnishings plus the services of national counterpart staff and certain support personnel.

IV. Financial data

7. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved	Present approval	Total approved
	$	$	$
Personnel	5 000	-	5 000
Subcontract	-	410 000	410 000
Training	-	20 000	20 000
Equipment	-	34 000	34 000
Miscellaneous	1 000	6 000	7 000
	6 000	470 000	476 000

8. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $71,400 of which $21,400 is in kind and $50,000 is in cash (local currency).

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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC YEMEN

Development of an Integrated System of Agricultural Statistics
(PDY/76/009)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	March 1979
Starting date of project activities:	May 1978 (Including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	April 1982
To be executed by:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency:	Central Statistical Organization
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$458 200
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Agriculture contributes about 25 per cent to the gross national product of Democratic Yemen. According to preliminary estimates of the 1973 Population Census, about 70 per cent of the population was engaged in agricultural activities. Because the country is engaged in large-scale planning and has given top priority to the development of agriculture in its national development plan, there is a need for reliable and comprehensive statistics. An agricultural census has never been carried out in the country and the current agricultural statistics are unsatisfactory and not adequate for planning purposes.

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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE
GOVERNMENTS OF COLOMBIA, CUBA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
ECUADOR, GUYANA, HONDURAS, PANAMA, PERU AND VENEZUELA

Advisory Services on Trade Expansion and Economic Integration (Phase II)
(RLA/78/026)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	February 1979
Starting date of project activities:	January 1979 (under advance authorization)
Planned completion date:	December 1980
To be executed by:	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Regional implementing agency:	Not applicable
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$718 400
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The expansion of trade, and especially of commercial relations, among developing countries acts as a stimulus to the establishment of new industries and the more efficient use of existing productive capacities. Such expansion widens the range of the products produced and exported as well as their path of distribution. In recent years, the countries of Latin America have recognized the importance of establishing strong trade relations within the region and have taken several steps towards achieving this goal.

2. The present project constitutes a follow-up to the first phase project, Advisory Services on Trade Expansion and Economic Integration (RLA/73/003)1/, implemented between January 1974 and April 1978. The principle activities of the project include:

1/ DP/PROJECTS/251.

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(a) the establishment of co-operative relations at the highest level with all of the processes of integration and co-operation in Latin America and with the various regional, subregional and national organizations involved in these processes; (b) the establishment of operational links between important government trade entities in a significant number of Latin American countries; and (c) the promotion of technical co-operation between governments and between organizations of economic co-operation. The project also attempted, to a lesser extent, to establish relations between countries and organizations of economic co-operation and several United Nations technical assistance projects.

2. The Phase II project is intended to consolidate the results of the first phase through the achievement of the objectives described below.

II. Objectives and activities

4. The principal objectives of Phase II project are to expand trade and promote economic integration and technical co-operation among the participating countries. UNDP experts will work with regional personnel in the following activities: (a) promotion of regional and subregional co-operation in the areas of: i) trade, production, and money and finance; ii) direct support to the Secretariats for the processes of co-operation and economic integration; iii) formulation of trade policies towards developed countries and multinational corporations; iv) transfer of technology; and v) establishment of multinational enterprises in developing countries; and (b) promotion of expanded trade and economic and technical co-operation with other developing countries and regions.

III. Inputs

5. UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, for the services, for a period of two years each, of three regional advisors on trade policy and expansion and economic co-operation among developing countries, of ad-hoc consultants and support personnel, and for group training.

IV. Financial Data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	656 400
Training	49 700
Miscellaneous	12 300
	718 400

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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND

Strengthening the IPST Regional Teacher Servicing Centres and Developing Science and Mathematics Curricula for Technical and Vocational Education (THA/79/023)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	April 1980
Starting date of project activities:	April 1980
Planned completion date:	March 1982
To be executed by:	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Government implementing agency:	Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (Ministry of Education)
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$356 700
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Since 1971 the Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology has been engaged in the development, dissemination and implementation of new courses in science and mathematics for the schools of Thailand. After careful study, thought and discussion, it was decided that such new courses would be enquiry-oriented, student-centred and based on the concept of the student's "learning by doing".

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2. The two sub-projects contained within this project are extensions of that basic approach. The first is designed to decentralize the Institute's facilities so as to provide better support to teachers. The second is designed to extend science and mathematics curricula to vocational schools.

3. The Institute has received UNDP/UNESCO assistance since its inception more than ten years ago[1/]. While initial assistance took the form of core institutional support, the present project takes the form of programme support, thereby reflecting the institutional self-sufficiency achieved by the Institute.

II. Objectives

4. Science and Technology Teacher Servicing Centres. The principal objective of this sub-project is to strengthen and decentralize the teaching of science and mathematics in schools throughout Thailand by providing efficient servicing centres to facilitate the implementation and evaluation of curricula. These centres will operate in conjunction with teacher training colleges under the direction of the Institute. By organizing seminars and workshops, the centres will provide locations where teachers can work together, exchange ideas and receive in-service training in the low-cost production, maintenance and repair of equipment and in the use of audio-visual materials. Policy and guidelines for the operation of all centres will be established by the Institute's national staff who will identify the problems and needs of all schools throughout Thailand and, by working together with international staff, will develop various supplementary materials for teaching science and mathematics.

5. Vocational Schools Science and Mathematics Curricula. The principal objective of this sub-project is to plan and promote science and mathematics teaching curricula geared to the needs of vocational schools. Project activities include research, the improvement of teaching techniques, the organization of in-service training for vocational school teachers and the development of supplementary teaching materials and media suited to the different school localities.

III. Inputs

6. Science and Technology Teacher Servicing Centres. UNDP inputs consist of four man-months of consultancy services, an extensive in-service training component designed for personnel of the new servicing centres, and equipment. The Institute will act as co-ordinator for all servicing centres throughout the country and provide national staff to support the UNDP experts.

7. Vocational Schools Science and Mathematics Curricula. UNDP inputs to this sub-project consist of four consultancies and four study tours of two months each.

1/ DP/SF/R.9/Add.93, and DP/L.232 (Vol. III), p.33.

IV. Financial data

8. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	57 000
Training	206 300
Equipment	93 400
	356 700

9. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of the inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $347,400 in kind and $696,700 in cash.

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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND

Accelerated Rubber Replanting
(THA/79/016)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	March 1980
Starting date of project activities:	April 1980
Planned completion date:	March 1982
To be executed by:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency:	Office of the Rubber Replanting Aid Fund (ORRAF) and the Department of Agriculture (DOA) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives (MOAC)
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$592 200
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Thailand produces about 12 percent of the world's natural rubber and, as an exporter, ranks third after Malaysia and Indonesia. To expand rubber production, in 1960 the Government established the Rubber Replanting Aid Fund which was given the

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responsibility of assisting farmers in replanting over-aged rubber with new high yielding varieties. Since 1965, UNDP has cooperated with the Government in this programme through the establishment of a Rubber Research Centre at Hat Yai in peninsular Thailand[1/] and a Rubber Development Project[2/]. Since 1976, assistance has also been provided in research, training and extension activities under the project, Acceleration of Rubber Replanting in Peninsular Thailand (THA/75/021)[3/], in conjunction with loans from the World Bank and the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC).

2. Under this joint programme, the annual replanting of rubber in small-holders' fields was to be increased from 22,000 hectares per year to 50,000 hectares per year by 1980. UNDP participation in the programme, through THA/75/021, has just been phased out with the successful accomplishment of this target. However, due to the recent buoyancy of world rubber prices, the Office of the Rubber Replanting Aid Fund (ORRAF) has drawn on the World Bank/CDC loans more slowly than anticipated. Hence the rubber loan project is now expected to be completed only in two years' time instead of in 1979, as originally scheduled. Meanwhile, plans are being made for a follow-up rubber loan from the same sources in order to continue the expanded programme of rubber replanting as well as to initiate a substantial new planting of high-yielding varieties in peninsular Thailand and other parts of the country.

3. To assist with the overall planning and co-ordination of rubber development in Thailand, and, specifically with the transition between the first and second World Bank/CDC loans, the Government has requested UNDP support for a further two years under the present project.

II. Objectives and activities

4. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) prepare proposals for the World Bank and the Commonwealth Development Corporation for the financing of a second phase rubber loan; (b) strengthen the management and organizational capabilities of ORRAF through the intensive training of staff and improvement of staff training facilities; (c) increase the Government's capacity to produce planting material for rubber small-holders; (d) improve farmer training programmes; (e) advise the Director of the Rubber Research Centre on the planning and management of the Centre's research programme and training of its staff; and (f) form a high-level Rubber Consultative Group to advise on rubber policy and the co-ordination of Government agencies concerned with rubber.

III. Inputs

5. UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, for the services of a senior adviser and consultants as well as for the periodic attendance at the Rubber Consultative Group of senior Thai experts and internationally known consultants in appropriate fields related to rubber development. Through a subcontract with the UNDP assisted regional project for Development Training and Communication Planning (DTCP), the project will provide the services of additional international and national consultants for the strengthening of training and management skills of the staff of ORRAF and the Rubber Research Centre. Fellowships and study tours will also be provided as well as audio visual and soil survey equipment for ORRAF and the Rubber Research Centre.

1/ SF/R.8/Add.38.
2/ DP/SF/R.9/Add.92.
3/ DP/PROJECTS/1117 and 1342.

6. The Government will provide qualified professional and supporting staff, office space, supplies and equipment directly to the project.

IV. Financial data

7. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	221 700
Subcontract	128 600
Training	131 900
Equipment	101 000
Miscellaneous	9 000
	592 200

8. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of the inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $6,130,000 in kind.

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Promotion of Trade between Selected Developing Countries in Asia through Supply and Demand Studies (Preparatory Assistance) (RAS/78/020)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	May 1980
Starting date of project activities:	November 1978 (including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	August 1980
To be executed by:	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) through the International Trade Centre (ITC)
Government implementing agency:	Ministries of Commerce and Industries in Participating Countries
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$347 900
Source of UNDP financing:	Regional Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The project, which began under UNDP preparatory assistance[1], has been designed complement on-going or proposed projects of the International Trade Centre (ITC), financed either from UNDP resources or from ITC trust funds, which are concerned with promoting trade among countries in the region. In a number of these projects, the activities have reached a stage where Governments require more detailed surveys of the supply potential of their respective industries than has been hitherto possible within the scope of the projects in operation. A special feature of the project is that supply surveys will be conducted by personnel of national institutions in participating countries.

1/ DP/PROJECTS/3261.

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Regional Technical Co-operation in Educational Innovation within the Asian Programme of Educational Innovation for Development (Phase II) (Supplementary Assistance) (RAS/77/047)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	March 1980
Starting date of project activities:	January 1978 (including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	March 1982
To be executed by:	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Government implementing agencies:	Ministries of Education of the Participating Governments in Asia
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$ 650 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Regional Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. In 1972, UNESCO authorized funds for the creation of the Asian Centre of Educational Innovation for Development (ACEID), for the purpose of promoting national efforts in education among Member States. A joint UNESCO/UNDP mission subsequently visited various Asian countries to determine the Governments' interest

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in establishing a regional programme for technical co-operation in which educational expertise and research findings would be shared. The programme would aim at enhancing the capacity of Member States to design and implement educational innovations which contributed to the solution of national development problems and at encouraging educational reforms that were comprehensive and endogenously conceived and sustained.

2. In 1972, UNDP provided the preparatory assistance needed for drawing up the project proposal;[1/] from 1975 through 1977 it provided assistance to the project, Regional Technical Co-operation in Educational Innovation for Development (RAS/72/065).[2/] The project aimed at promoting awareness of the need for innovation in educational systems, so as to increase their effectiveness and relevance to the development process, and to facilitate technical co-operation in the region in the specific areas of curriculum development, educational technology, methods of teacher training, and science education.

3. To ensure utilization of the project's achievements, to expand it to middle and grass root levels, and to support new areas of educational innovation for development, UNDP assistance for the present Phase II project (RAS/77/047) was approved in 1978.[3/] At this point the Asian Programme of Educational Innovation (APEID) became operational, establishing a viable base for intercountry exchanges of experience and co-operative development efforts in the spirit of technical co-operation for development.

4. Supplementary assistance has now been approved for the purpose of expanding the programme to include additional non-formal approaches to certain educational problems in the region, as recommended at the Sixth Regional Consultative Meeting in April 1979.

II. Objectives and activities

5. The long range objectives of the project remain to: (a) stimulate efforts by Member States to improve the quality of life of their people by creating and strengthening national capabilities for the development and implementation of innovations in education; (b) encourage Member States to increase awareness of the need for relevant changes in education; (c) promote understanding and appreciation of the differences of educational practices and approaches of Member States.

6. The immediate objectives of this supplementary assistance are to: (a) incorporate into the programme, innovative studies on (i) the integration of subject areas in the study on integrating subject primary school curriculum; (ii) in-service primary teacher education; and (iii) programmes for meeting the educational needs of

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1/ DP/16/Add. 153.

2/ DP/PROJECTS/714.

3/ DP/PROJECTS/2439.

the young people without or with incomplete schooling; and (b) expand the attachment/ internship programme through APEID.

III. Inputs

7. Under the supplementary assistance now approved, UNDP will provide for experts, fellowships and group training. The forty-nine Associated Centres of APEID, which are well established institutions receiving financial support from their Governments, will host various regional activities, providing professional and secretarial staff, physical facilities and local hospitality.

IV. Financial data

8. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved $	Present approval $	Total approved $
Experts (including administrative support costs)	804 600	20 700	825 300
Training	477 000	629 300	1 106 300
Equipment	17 200	-	17 200
Miscellaneous	21 200	-	21 200
	1 320 000	650 000	1 970 000

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